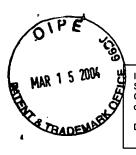
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## Docket No. AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER UON-P01-004 Application No. Filing Date Art Unit Examiner 09/756814 January 9, 2001 Not Yet Assigned N/A Applicant(s): Kevin M. Short METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE COMPRESSION AND DECOMPRESSION OF Invention: IMAGE FILES USING CHAOTIC SYSTEM TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. MAR 1 8 2004 The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below. echnology Center 21/00 **CLAIMS AS AMENDED** Claims Highest Remaining Number Number After Extra Claims **Previously** Amendment Paid **Present** Rate **Total Claims** 32 20 12 9.00 108.00 Independent 12 3 9 Х 43.00 387.00 Claims Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) Other fee (please specify): TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT: 495.00 x Small Entity Large Entity No additional fee is required for this amendment. X Please charge Deposit Account No. 18-1945 495.00 in the amount of \$ A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. A check in the amount of \$ to cover the filing fee is enclosed. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. x | The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. x Credit any overpayment. Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17. Dated: March 12, 2004 n V. Bianco Attorney Reg. No.: 36,748 **ROPES & GRAY LLP** One International Place Boston, Massachusetts 02110-2624 (617) 951-7000

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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